

Thursday, February 1, 1951

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate adopted resolutions on committees, investigations, and committee personnel.

General Eisenhower appeared in executive session before two Senate committees.

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Forty-three bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 729 to S. 771; S. J. Res. 27 and 28; and S. Res. 59-62. Pages 848-851, 871

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 82, to reimburse for burial expenses of certain Philippine soldiers in service of U. S. (S. Rept. 74);

H. J. Res. 87, giving authority to Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation to obtain certain data directly from Commissioner of Internal Revenue instead of proceeding through the Secretary of the Treasury (S. Rept. 75);

S. Res. 42, to authorize the Select Committee on Small Business until June 30, 1951, to employ temporary personnel, and to provide \$25,000 therefor, with amendment (no written report);

S. Res. 28, to amend the rules of the Senate providing for the appointment of certain Senate members of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy to be ex officio members of the Committee on Appropriations for consideration of funds for atomic energy, with amendments (no written report);

S. Res. 39, to extend until March 31, 1951, the authority of the Subcommittee on Health of the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare to study health insurance plans (no written report);

S. Res. 54, to authorize the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments until January 31, 1952, to employ temporary personnel and to authorize \$19,000 therefor, with amendment (no written report);

S. Res. 56, to increase the limit of expenses by \$23,000 for the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce for investigation of administration and enforcement of export policies and control regulations of the U. S., with the authority extended until January 31, 1952, with amendments (no written report);

S. Res. 59, to provide gratuity payments to widow of a former Senate employee (no written report);

S. Res. 60, to provide additional funds in the amount of \$50,000 to the Special Committee To Investigate Organized Crime in Interstate Commerce, and to extend the time for it to file a report (no written report).

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Appointments to Boards and Commissions: The Vice President made the following appointments to various boards and groups: Senator Benton to Board of Visitors to U. S. Coast Guard Academy; Senator Hunt to Board of Visitors to U. S. Merchant Marine Academy; Senator O'Connor to Commission for Construction of Washington-Lincoln Memorial Gettysburg Boulevard;

Senator Frear to Columbia Institution for the Deaf; Senator Douglas as Director of Columbia Hospital for Women; and Messrs. Leslie L. Biffle and E. R. Ballinger to Federal Records Council.

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Government Reorganization: Senate made its unfinished business S. 101, to amend Reorganization Act of 1949 by adding a new title III, entitled "Defense Reorganization Act of 1951."

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Condolence Resolution: S. Res. 62, providing for expressions of sympathy on the death of Representative Sullivan, was adopted.

Senators Kem and Hennings were appointed to the funeral committee.

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Confirmations: Twenty-three civilian nominations were confirmed, including 3 to U. N. bodies, 3 ambassadors, and 10 other Foreign Service nominations, and including that of Thomas D. Cabot, of Massachusetts, to be Director for International Security Affairs.

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Nominations: One hundred and sixty-six Air Force and three Navy nominations were received.

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Committee Meetings

DEFENSE HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: Committee held hearings on S. 349, to assist the provision of housing and community facilities and services required in connection with the national defense (to be cited as the Defense Housing and Community Facilities and Services Act of 1951), receiving testimony from seven witnesses as follows: R. W. Digges, Carpenter Construction Co., Norfolk, favored the liberalization of title I of Federal Housing Act; John Gunther appeared generally in support of the bill, with amendments; Albert V. Whitehall, Director, Washington Service Bureau, preferred that

the proposed hospital program be handled along the lines of existing law for hospitals, amended to provide hospitals in defense areas; Fred C. Stiles, Stiles Lumber Co., Grand Rapids, Mich., appeared in general support of title I of the bill and against title II, urging that Government-operated housing be limited to temporary construction; William Levitt, Levitt Bros., New York, appeared in support of title I and urged the adoption of construction standards and tests of economic soundness so that defense housing could be used after the war, and he appeared against amending title VIII of the Housing Act; Edgar Fuller, National Council of State School Officers, urged that the school program be handled along the lines of existing school legislation rather than being left to the discretion of the President; and Earl Raymond, Trailer Coach Manufacturers Association, wanted the act amended to permit Government insurance program to include purchase of trailer homes by military personnel and defense workers.

HEALTH

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee, in executive session, discussed its organization and staffing, as well as pending legislation, but took no action. Full committee meets tomorrow.

NORTH ATLANTIC PACT AND DEFENSE

Joint Meeting of Committees on Foreign Relations and Armed Services: General Eisenhower met in executive session with members of the Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees (which are considering S. Res. 8, declaring it to be the sense of the Senate that no ground forces be assigned to duty in Europe for purpose of North Atlantic Pact pending adoption by Congress of policy thereon) to discuss defense of the North Atlantic area and the forces being built up under the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Committee adjourned subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, February 2, at 12 o'clock noon.

Committee Meetings

ARMY-NAVY PUBLIC WORKS

Committee on Armed Services: Met for executive discussion of Army-Navy public-work programs. Will meet jointly tomorrow with the Committee on Foreign

Affairs to hear General Eisenhower's report on his recent European conferences.

ALUMINUM MONOPOLY

Committee on the Judiciary: The Celler Subcommittee on the Study of Monopoly Power resumed hearings to investigate the present and proposed expansion of facilities in the aluminum industry. Witnesses heard today were Senator O'Mahoney, of Wyoming, and W. A. Singer, Apex Smelting Co., Chicago, Ill. Subcommittee will hear further witnesses on the subject tomorrow morning.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF EIGHTY-SECOND CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the House and Senate during the session, January 3, 1951, through January 31, 1951.

The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through January 31, 1951

	Senate	House	Total
Days in session.....	12	15	..
Time in session.....	49 hrs., 26'	36 hrs., 56'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings....	456	420	876
Appendix.....	..	..	524
Public bills enacted into law..	..	..	..
Private bills enacted into law..	..	..	..
Bills in conference.....	..	..	..
Bills through conference.....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total.....	43	38	..
Senate bills.....	17	..	..
House bills.....	..	6	..
Senate joint resolutions..	..	..	..
House joint resolutions..	..	2	..
Senate concurrent resolutions.....	2	..	..
House concurrent resolutions.....	1	1	..
Simple resolutions.....	23	29	51
Measures reported, total.....	*74	*23	..
Senate bills.....	46	..	..
House bills.....	..	9	..
Senate joint resolutions..	..	..	..
House joint resolutions..	..	2	..
Senate concurrent resolutions.....	4	..	..
House concurrent resolutions.....	1	..	..
Simple resolutions.....	23	12	35
Special reports.....	2	..	..
Conference reports.....	..	..	..
Reported measures not acted on.....	**31	**9	..
Measures introduced, total...	822	2,616	3,438
Bills.....	728	2,310	3,038
Joint resolutions.....	26	144	170
Concurrent resolutions..	10	52	62
Simple resolutions.....	58	110	168
Quorum calls.....	17	4	21
Yea-and-nay votes.....	3	6	9
Bills vetoed.....	..	..	..

*These figures on measures reported include all placed on calendar or acted on by Senate even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 73 reports has been filed in the Senate; a total of 23 has been filed in the House.

**This figure does not agree with the total difference between bills reported and bills passed, because resolutions and bills placed on the House Calendar without having been formally reported were not included in figures of measures reported to the House; the difference in the case of Senate figures is due to uncounted bills "laid on the table" or "indefinitely postponed."

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FROM JANUARY 3—JANUARY 31, 1951

Postmaster nominations, totaling 181, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed.....	None
Withdrawn.....	None
Rejected.....	None
Unconfirmed.....	181

Army nominations, totaling 201, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed.....	145
Withdrawn.....	None
Rejected.....	None
Unconfirmed.....	56

Air Force nominations, totaling 975, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed.....	683
Withdrawn.....	None
Rejected.....	None
Unconfirmed.....	292

Navy nominations, totaling 288, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed.....	27
Withdrawn.....	None
Rejected.....	None
Unconfirmed.....	261

Marine Corps nominations, totaling 287, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed.....	None
Withdrawn.....	None
Rejected.....	None
Unconfirmed.....	287

Civilian nominations other than postmasters, totaling 192, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed.....	38
Withdrawn.....	None
Rejected.....	None
Unconfirmed.....	154

Summary

Total nominations received.....	2,124
Total rejected.....	None
Total withdrawn.....	None
Total unconfirmed.....	1,231
Total confirmed.....	893